Persons killed in a Stampede in Himachal Pradesh

3691 CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 13 persons were killed in a stampede during the Baba Barbhag Singh Holla Mohalla Festival near Maini town about 40 K.M. from Una in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have set up any enquiry into it, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the financial relief given to the families of the deceased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) As per information furnished by the Government of Himachal Pradesh 14 persons were killed in a stampede in Baba Badbhag Singh festival in Mairi in District Una of Himachal Pradesh. The State Government has ordered an inquiry into this incident and the Divisional Commissioner, Kangra Division, Himachal Pradesh has been appointed as the Inquiry Officer. He has been directed to submit the report to the State Government within one month. The State Government has also announced financial relief of Rs. 10,000/- each to next of kin of the deceased and Rs. 500/- to one person who was seriously injured.

Hoodlums harassing lone women

3692. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in 'The Indian Express' of March 2, 1993 stating that at several places in Delhi where hoodlums in cars harass lone women with impunity; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to stop the menace ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) There was no such newsitem in "Indian Express" in its issue of 2nd March, 1993. However, a letter was published on 2nd March, 1993 in Indian Express about harassment of women by undesirable elements.

(b) The Delhi Police has reported that special drives are organised for checking harassment of women/girls. Women police officers in plain clothes are deployed at bus stops and busy markets to check the menace.

Persons killed/died in police custody in J & K

3693. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons killed or died in Jammu and Kashmir during the year 1992 and so far while in Police Custody and what are the details thereof;

(b) under what circumstances, these persons died in police custody; and

(c) what action has been taken against the officials responsible for their death ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Relating of undertrials without Court Order from Tihar Jail

3694. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appeared in the Pioneer of January 11, 1993 under the caption Government fails to take action against Tihar Jail Officials;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;